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SUBJECT: TAGESSPIEGEL CHARACTERIZES ALLIED MOTIVES IN BERLIN

1. THIS USG ENJOYED AN UNEXPECTED BENEFIT FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH'S VISIT, IN THAT TAGESSPIEGEL, BERLIN'S RESPECTED INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER, CHOSE THE OCCASION TO EDITORIALIZE ON ALLIED MOTIVES IN BERLIN AND TO REACH CONCLUSIONS WHICH WERE FLATTERING TO US.

2. ON MAY 24, THE DAY OF THE VISIT, POLITICAL EDITOR JOACHIM BOELKE WROTE AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. FOR THE AMERICANS BERLIN IS ABOVE ALL A MORAL POSITION. FOR THE FRENCH BERLIN IS A PLACE WHERE THEIR PRESENCE SHOULD FORESTALL THE SOVIET UNION FROM SETTling THE GERMAN QUESTION AGAINST FRENCH INTERESTS. THE ENGLISH STAND IN THE MIDDLE BETWEEN THESE POSITIONS. THEY ARE TOO REALISTIC TO CLAIM THAT THEY ACT ONLY MORALLY, AND TOO MORAL, ALWAYS TO BE ONLY RELATIVISTICALLY POLITICAL
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(REAL POLITISCH). IN THIS WAY, THEY HAVE MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECURITY OF BERLIN FOR THIRTY YEARS. END TEXT.

3. THAT SAME MORNING WE COMPLIMENTED BOELKE ON HIS PERCEPTIONS AND HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD HAD IT INSIDE HIM FOR A LONG TIME AND FINALLY JUST HAD TO SAY IT.

4. THE FRENCH WERE NOT SURPRISINGLY OFFENDED, E.G., THIS
FRENCH MINISTER COMPLAINED TO US ABOUT THE IMPLICATION
THAT FRANCE LACKS A MORAL DIMENSION.

5. BOELKE'S CHARACTERIZATION, HOWEVER, DOES IN FACT
PRETTY WELL REFLECT THE VIEWS OF BERLINERS. GEORGE

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